

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A method of creating a relational database containing information regarding at least one individual, comprising the steps of:
- automatically obtaining information regarding the at least one individual on a predetermined periodic basis from at least one information source, ~~wherein updated information is obtained automatically on a predetermined periodic basis from the at least one information source;~~
 - inputting the information into a relational database ~~within a predetermined time from when the information is obtained from the at least one information source, wherein the older information contained in the database is constantly replaced by the ~~new~~ newer information;~~
 - sorting the information into at least one searchable unit within the database; and
 - allowing at least one entity access to the information contained in the database.
2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the information is personal information about the at least one individual.
3. (original) The method as daimed in Claim 2, wherein the at least one information source is selected from the group consisting of government agencies, professional organizations, courts, educational institutions, licensing bodies, certification bodies, and legal business entities.
4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the older information is replaced by ~~new~~ the newer information as soon as the ~~new~~ newer information becomes available.
5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 2, further including the step of allowing the at least one individual to access the database to review personal information about the at least one individual.

6. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the information is provided proactively from the at least one information source.

7. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the information is verified by the at least one information source.

8. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the information is verified by an independent party.

9. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the updated information is provided automatically to the at least one entity.

10. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the updated information is provided automatically to the at least one entity and the information is about the at least one individual.

11. (currently amended) A business method for providing information regarding at least one individual from a relational database comprising the steps of:

- a. obtaining initial information about the at least one individual from at least one information source;
- b. inputting the information into a relational database;
- c. sorting the information into at least one searchable unit within the database;
- d. obtaining updated information from the at least one information source;
- e. replacing the initial information with the updated information within a predetermined time from when the updated information is obtained;
- f. allowing at least one entity access to the information contained in the database;
- g. repeating steps b through e as often as updated information is obtained; and
- h. repeating step f as often as the at least one entity desires access to the information.

12. (original) The business method as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the database is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the database owner to the at least one information source for the provision of information.

13. (original) The business method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the database is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the at least one entity to the database owner for access to the information.

14. (currently amended) The business method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the information is personal information about the at least one individual.

15. (original) The business method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the information is provided proactively from the at least one information source.

16. (original) The business method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the information is provided automatically from the at least one information source.


17. (original) The business method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the updated information is provided automatically to the at least one entity

18. (original) The business method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the at least one entity automatically on a periodic basis receives information from the database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one entity to the database.

19. (original) The business method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the at least one entity receives upon request information from the database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one entity to the database.

20. (original) The business method as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the at least one entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one entity desires to create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one individual.

21. (currently amended) A method for collecting and providing information about individuals comprising the steps of:

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- a. obtaining information about individuals from at least one information provider;
 - b. entering the information about the individuals into a relational database;
 - c. providing access to the relational database to at least one interested entity;
 - d. obtaining updated information about the individuals from the at least one information provider;
 - e. comparing the updated information about the individuals to the information entered into the relational database;
 - f. replacing the information entered into the relational database with the updated information about the individuals if the updated information about the individuals is more recent than the information entered into the relational database to create an updated relational database;
 - g. repeating steps d through f as additional updated information about the individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider.

22. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 21, further comprising the step of:

- h. transmitting the updated relational database to the at least one interested party automatically after updated information about the individuals is inputted into the relational database.

23. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~21~~22, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information source on a constant periodic basis.

24. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~21~~22, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available.

25. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a constant periodic basis.

26. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

27. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available and the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

28. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available and the relational database is transmitted to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

29. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the database is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the database owner to the at least one information source for the provision of information about individuals, and wherein a payment is made by the at least one interested entity to the database owner for being provided the information about individuals.

30. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 29, wherein the information is obtained automatically from the at least one information source and wherein the updated information is provided automatically to the at least one interested entity

31. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the at least one interested entity automatically on a periodic basis receives information from the database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one interested entity to the database.

32. (original) The method as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the at least one interested entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one interested entity desires to create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one individual.

33. (new) A system for collecting and providing information about individuals comprising the steps of:

- a. obtaining information about at least one individual from at least one information provider, wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of personal information, professional information, and governmental information;
- b. entering the information about the at least one individual into a continuously updated relational database as the information becomes available;
- c. providing access to the relational database to at least one entity interested in the at least one individual;
- d. updating the relational database by comparing newer information obtained from the at least one information provider about the at least one individual to the information in the relational database and replacing the information in the relational database with the newer information about the at least one individual if the newer information about the at least one individual is more recent and different than the information in the relational database;
- e. repeating step d as soon as the newer information about the at least one individual is obtained from the at least one information provider; and
- f. transmitting the newer information to the at least one interested party automatically.

34. (new) The method as claimed in Claim 33, wherein the at least one interested entity automatically on a periodic basis receives the newer information from the updated relational database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one interested entity to the database.

35. (new) The method as claimed in Claim 34, wherein the at least one interested entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one interested entity desires to create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one individual.

36. (new) The method as claimed in Claim 35, wherein the database is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the database owner to the at least one information source for the provision of information about the at least one individual, and wherein a payment is made by the at least one interested entity to the database owner for being provided the information about the at least one individual.

37. (new) A business method for collecting and providing information about individuals comprising the steps of:

- a. obtaining information about at least one individual from at least one information provider, wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of personal information, professional information, and governmental information;
- b. entering the information about the at least one individual into a continuously updated relational database as the information becomes available;
- c. providing access to the relational database to at least one entity interested in the at least one individual;
- d. updating the relational database by comparing newer information obtained from the at least one information provider about the at least one individual to the information in the relational database and replacing the information in the relational database with the newer information about the at least one individual if the newer information about the at least one individual is more recent and different than the information in the relational database;
- e. repeating step d as soon as the newer information about the at least one individual is obtained from the at least one information provider;
- f. transmitting the newer information to the at least one interested party automatically; and
- g. a payment is made by the database owner to the at least one information source for the provision of information about the at least one individual, and wherein a payment is made by the at least one interested entity to the database owner for being provided the information about the at least one individual.

38. (new) The business method as claimed in Claim 37, wherein the at least one interested entity automatically on a periodic basis receives the newer information from the updated relational database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one interested entity to the database.

39. (new) The business method as claimed in Claim 38, wherein the at least one interested entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one interested entity desires to create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one individual.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of creating a relational database containing information
2 regarding at least one individual, comprising the steps of:

3 a. automatically obtaining information regarding the at least one
4 individual on a predetermined periodic basis from at least one information source;

5 b. inputting the information into a relational database, wherein
6 older information contained in the database is constantly replaced by newer
7 information;

8 c. sorting the information into at least one searchable unit within
9 the database; and

10 d. allowing at least one entity access to the information
11 contained in the database.

1 2. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the information is
2 personal information about the at least one individual.

1 3. The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the at least one
2 information source is selected from the group consisting of government agencies,
3 professional organizations, courts, educational institutions, licensing bodies,
4 certification bodies, and legal business entities.

1 4. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the older information is
2 replaced by the newer information as soon as the newer information becomes
3 available.

1 5. The method as claimed in Claim 2, further including the step of
2 allowing the at least one individual to access the database to review personal
3 information about the at least one individual.

1 6. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the information is
2 provided proactively from the at least one information source.

1 7. The method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the information is
2 verified by the at least one information source.

1 8. The method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the information is
2 verified by an independent party.

1 9. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the updated information
2 is provided automatically to the at least one entity.

1 10. The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the updated information
2 is provided automatically to the at least one entity and the information is about the
3 at least one individual.

1 11. A business method for providing information regarding at least one
2 individual from a relational database comprising the steps of:

3 a. obtaining initial information about the at least one individual
4 from at least one information source;

5 b. inputting the information into a relational database;

6 c. sorting the information into at least one searchable unit within
7 the database;

8 d. obtaining updated information from the at least one
9 information source;

10 e. replacing the initial information with the updated information
11 within a predetermined time from when the updated information is obtained;

12 f. allowing at least one entity access to the information
13 contained in the database;

14 g. repeating steps b through e as often as updated information
15 is obtained; and

16 h. repeating step f as often as the at least one entity desires
17 access to the information.

1 12. The business method as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the database
2 is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the database
3 owner to the at least one information source for the provision of information.

1 13. The business method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the database
2 is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the at least one
3 entity to the database owner for access to the information.

1 14. The business method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the
2 information is personal information about the at least one individual.

1 15. The business method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the
2 information is provided proactively from the at least one information source.

1 16. The business method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the
2 information is provided automatically from the at least one information source.

1 17. The business method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the updated
2 information is provided automatically to the at least one entity

1 18. The business method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the at least
2 one entity automatically on a periodic basis receives information from the
3 database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one
4 entity to the database.

1 19. The business method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the at least
2 one entity receives upon request information from the database regarding a
3 number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one entity to the database.

1 20. The business method as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the at least
2 one entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the
3 database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one entity desires to
4 create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one individual.

1 21. A method for collecting and providing information about individuals
2 comprising the steps of:

3 a. obtaining information about individuals from at least one
4 information provider;

5 b. entering the information about the individuals into a relational
6 database;

7 c. providing access to the relational database to at least one
8 interested entity;

9 d. obtaining updated information about the individuals from the
10 at least one information provider;

11 e. comparing the updated information about the individuals to
12 the information entered into the relational database;

13 f. replacing the information entered into the relational database
14 with the updated information about the individuals if the updated information about
15 the individuals is more recent than the information entered into the relational
16 database to create an updated relational database;

g. repeating steps d through f as additional updated information about the individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider.

22. The method as claimed in Claim 21, further comprising the step of:

h. transmitting the updated relational database to the at least one interested party automatically after updated information about the individuals is inputted into the relational database.

23. The method as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information source on a constant periodic basis.

24. The method as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available.

25. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a constant periodic basis.

26. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

27. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available and the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

28. The method as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available and the relational database is transmitted to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

29. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the database is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the database owner to the at least one information source for the provision of information about individuals, and wherein a payment is made by the at least one interested entity to the database owner for being provided the information about individuals.

30. The method as claimed in Claim 29, wherein the information is obtained automatically from the at least one information source and wherein the updated information is provided automatically to the at least one interested entity

1 31. The method as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the at least one
2 interested entity automatically on a periodic basis receives information from the
3 database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one
4 interested entity to the database.

1 32. The method as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the at least one
2 interested entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the
3 database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one interested entity
4 desires to create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one
5 individual.

1 33. A system for collecting and providing information about individuals
2 comprising the steps of:

3 a. obtaining information about at least one individual from at
4 least one information provider, wherein the information is selected from the group
5 consisting of personal information, professional information, and governmental
6 information;

7 b. entering the information about the at least one individual into
8 a continuously updated relational database as the information becomes available;

9 c. providing access to the relational database to at least one
10 entity interested in the at least one individual;

11 d. updating the relational database by comparing newer
12 information obtained from the at least one information provider about the at least
13 one individual to the information in the relational database and replacing the
14 information in the relational database with the newer information about the at least
15 one individual if the newer information about the at least one individual is more
16 recent and different than the information in the relational database;

17 e. repeating step d as soon as the newer information about the
18 at least one individual is obtained from the at least one information provider; and

19 f. transmitting the newer information to the at least one
20 interested party automatically.

1 34. The method as claimed in Claim 33, wherein the at least one
2 interested entity automatically on a periodic basis receives the newer information

3 from the updated relational database regarding a number of discrete individuals
4 identified by the at least one interested entity to the database.

1 35. The method as claimed in Claim 34, wherein the at least one
2 interested entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the
3 database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one interested entity
4 desires to create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one
5 individual.

1 36. The method as claimed in Claim 35, wherein the database is owned
2 by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the database owner to
3 the at least one information source for the provision of information about the at
4 least one individual, and wherein a payment is made by the at least one interested
5 entity to the database owner for being provided the information about the at least
6 one individual.

1 37. A business method for collecting and providing information about
2 individuals comprising the steps of:

3 a. obtaining information about at least one individual from at
4 least one information provider, wherein the information is selected from the group
5 consisting of personal information, professional information, and governmental
6 information;

7 b. entering the information about the at least one individual into
8 a continuously updated relational database as the information becomes available;

9 c. providing access to the relational database to at least one
10 entity interested in the at least one individual;

11 d. updating the relational database by comparing newer
12 information obtained from the at least one information provider about the at least
13 one individual to the information in the relational database and replacing the
14 information in the relational database with the newer information about the at least
15 one individual if the newer information about the at least one individual is more
16 recent and different than the information in the relational database;

17 e. repeating step d as soon as the newer information about the
18 at least one individual is obtained from the at least one information provider;

19 f. transmitting the newer information to the at least one
20 interested party automatically; and

21 g. a payment is made by the database owner to the at least one
22 information source for the provision of information about the at least one
23 individual, and wherein a payment is made by the at least one interested entity to
24 the database owner for being provided the information about the at least one
25 individual.

1 38. The business method as claimed in Claim 37, wherein the at least
2 one interested entity automatically on a periodic basis receives the newer
3 information from the updated relational database regarding a number of discrete
4 individuals identified by the at least one interested entity to the database.

1 39. The business method as claimed in Claim 38, wherein the at least
2 one interested entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from
3 the database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one interested
4 entity desires to create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one
5 individual.